

Claims Listing – for Amendment D in Braunstein et al. U.S. Serial No. 10/662,643

1. (currently amended) A pour spout to assist in pouring a liquid from a container including a body having a top opening circumscribed by a rim channel for holding a lid covering said top opening, an inner rim inward of said rim channel, and an outer rim outward of said rim channel, said pour spout comprising:

a generally horizontally extending channel cover for covering said rim channel after a lid covering said top opening is removed from said rim channel, thereby to prevent liquid from dripping into said rim channel after said liquid is removed from said container,

a locking flange extending downward of said channel cover, said locking flange being adapted to extend downwardly adjacent said inner rim interiorly thereof,

~~an a lower~~ outer flange extending downwardly of said channel cover, said ~~lower~~ outer flange being adapted to extend exteriorly of said outer rim, ~~and~~

an imperforate liquid control trough extending generally vertically and upwardly of said channel cover, ~~and~~

an upper flange extending upwardly of said lower outer flange and upwardly of said channel cover, said upper flange extending around a circumference of the pour spout in an area around the circumference not occupied by the liquid control trough, the liquid control trough extending vertically upwardly of the upper flange.

2. (original) The pour spout of claim 1, comprising a flexible and resilient plastic material.

3. (original) The pour spout of claim 2, wherein said flexible and resilient plastic material comprises polypropylene.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The pour spout of claim 1, wherein said outer flange is tapered to a reduced thickness at a free end spaced from said channel cover.

6. (original) The pour spout of claim 1, wherein said locking flange comprises a curved inner rim lock for snapping into engagement with said inner rim.

7. (currently amended) The pour spout of claim 1, wherein said outer flange further comprises an upper flange extending upwardly of said channel cover around a circumference of the pour spout in an area of the circumference not occupied by the liquid control trough, said liquid control trough extending upwardly of the upper flange.

8. (original) The pour spout of claim 7, wherein said upper flange is tapered to a reduced thickness at a free end spaced from said channel cover.

9. (previously presented) The pour spout of claim 1, wherein said liquid control trough comprises a generally vertical convex exterior surface.

10. (currently amended) The pour spout of claim 9 21, wherein said pour spout further comprises a an arcuate drip lip extending exteriorly of said generally vertical convex exterior surface below said arcuate trough and upwardly of said channel cover, said drip lip preventing liquid poured from said container from being transferred onto said convex exterior surface.

11. (canceled) ~~The pour spout of claim 9, wherein said convex exterior surface displays graphic matter.~~

12. (canceled) ~~The pour spout of claim 1 wherein, when said pour spout is inverted over said top opening, said upper flange and said liquid control trough extend downwardly of said outer rim adjacent to an exterior of said container body.~~

13. (original) The pour spout of claim 1, wherein when said pour spout is inverted over said top opening, said outer flange extends upwardly of said outer rim, thereby enabling a second container to be stacked above said container.

14. (previously presented) The pour spout of claim 1, wherein said pour spout further comprises a horizontally extending stacking spacer adjacent said outer flange and having greater thickness than said channel cover, said stacking spacer evenly distributing weight of a second container stacked over said container.

15. (previously presented) The pour spout of claim 1, further comprising a pull tab comprising a web extending radially inward of said channel cover, opposite said liquid control trough.

16. (original) The pour spout of claim 15, further comprising a curved brush wipe extending inwardly of said channel cover, said brush wipe being located at a position along said channel cover not occupied by said pour trough or said pull tab.

17. (previously presented) A carrier for a plurality of cylindrical containers, said carrier comprising a plurality of pour spouts in accordance with claim 1, each said pour spouts being attached to at least one adjacent pour spout by a connector integrally formed therewith.

18. (original) A carrier in accordance with claim 17, wherein each said connector is sufficiently thin to facilitate separation of said pour spouts via a knife, scissors, or tearing.

19. (original) A carrier in accordance with claim 17, further comprising a stir paddle integrally formed with said pour spouts.

20. (original) A carrier in accordance with claim 19, wherein said pour spout includes a shaft and a plurality of blades extending radially outwardly of said shaft, said shaft being suitable for connection with an electric drill in order to mix paint or other liquid.

21. (currently amended) A pour spout to assist in pouring a liquid from a container including a body having a top opening circumscribed by a rim channel for holding a lid covering said top opening, an inner rim inward of said rim channel, and an outer rim outward of said rim channel, said pour spout comprising:

a channel cover for covering said rim channel after a lid covering said top opening is removed from said rim channel, thereby to prevent liquid from dripping into said rim channel after said liquid is removed from said container,

an outer flange extending downwardly of said channel cover, said outer flange being adapted to extend exteriorly of said outer rim,

an imperforate liquid control trough attached to the channel cover and extending generally vertically and upwardly thereof, said liquid control trough having an outermost free edge including a reverse curve defining an arcuate trough indented downwardly from said outermost free edge, and

a horizontally extending stacking spacer adjacent said outer flange and having greater thickness than said channel cover, said stacking spacer distributing weight of a second container stacked over said container.

22. (new) A paint container including a body having a top opening circumscribed by a rim channel holding a lid, an inner rim radially inward of said rim channel, and an outer rim radially outward of said rim channel, said container including a pour spout shaped in accordance with claim 1 and inverted so that said upper flange and said liquid control trough extend downwardly adjacent an exterior of said container body, said liquid control trough extending vertically downwardly of said upper flange.

23. (new) The paint container of claim 22 wherein said liquid control trough includes an outer convex surface displaying graphic matter.